



"WE ARE THE CHURCH TOGETHER"

November 2026

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2026 CONGREGATIONAL WATCHWORD:

I have put my spirit upon my servant; he will bring forth justice to the nations. Isaiah 42:1

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES - 10:30 am

November 1 - All Saint's Sunday
November 8 - Veteran's Sunday
November 15 - Communion
November 22 - Regular Worship
November 29 - First Sunday in Advent



**November 1
Time Change**

Beloved Congregation,

November is upon us and as usual there are many opportunities that come in this season of Thanksgiving. Here are some important updates.

Van Delivered

The old church van was delivered to Tricklebee Café by our discipleship class. Tricklebee was excited to get the vehicle! It will be a great asset in their collecting and distributing food donations.

Pinney Guest House

We are moving ahead with cleaning out the new house. Thanks to Don and Pam Richmond who have been working extremely hard getting this accomplished. The plan now is to contact a structural engineer for guidance on any work we may need to do with the foundation. We will then begin the process of interior demolition so we can develop a plan on how to renovate the interior space. In January we will begin our financial campaign to raise funds needed for the renovation. Thanks to all those who are volunteering to help as we move forward.

Interfaith Housing Coalition

The renovation of the former clinic is complete. Our first potential family is being vetted and hopefully placed this month. It is deeply satisfying to see this vision become a reality. Many from our church have contributed in multiple ways to this important ecumenical partnership. We will keep you updated as things unfold this month. Join them for a fundraiser on Nov. 11 at Bayview Lutheran Church.

Full Hearts Community Fridge

We are in the process of looking to partner with other churches in supporting the new "Full Hearts Community Fridge". This 24-hour accessible refrigerator is located at The Pearl on 3rd Ave. It seems like a good partnership to complement our efforts with our community garden and blessing box, as well as our effort to support Dinner with Friends at Bayview. You can check out their Facebook page and stay tuned for more information.

Dinner with Friends – the next Dinner with Friends is November 14. If you can help, please contact Nancy Ruff at 920-493-0471 (leave a message) or email: bornruff@gmail.com.

Pastor Knapp

Calendar

- **Adult Choir Rehearsal:** Sundays 9:15 am in the Sanctuary
- **Coffee Hus:** Sunday's @ 9:30 am
- **Sunday School:** 9:30-10:15 am
- **Bible Study:** Tuesday mornings @ 8:15
- **Faith Circle:** November 10 @ 1:30 pm in the Fellowship Room
- **Wed. Night Youth:** Rams (Gr.1-5) 4:30-5:30; Middle/High School Fellowship 5:30-7:00.
- **No Youth Fellowship November 25.**
- **Women's Bible Study:** Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:00 pm. No Bible Study on November 25.



MEETINGS

Board of Elders' 11/09 6:30 pm

Board of Trustees' 11/16 6:30 pm

In The Life of Our Church Family

In Our Prayers: Please keep Judy Berg, Lew Juadis and Mimi Zinngrabe in your prayers, they have all been in the hospital this month.

Baptisms:

Bo Darren Larkin, son of Miranda and Hunter Larkin, born in Sturgeon Bay on July 13, 2026, was baptized into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism on October 11, 2026, by Pastor Knapp. Bo is the grandson of Von & Marie Eytcheson and Darren Larkin and Jennifer Mraz. His sponsors are Alicia Burris and Bowen Krueger.

Beau Alexander Baga, son of Hannah & Daniel Baga, born in Minneapolis, MN on June 1, 2026, was baptized into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism on October 18, 2026, by Pastor Knapp. Beau is the grandson of John & Brenda Baga and Scott & Heidi Bader. His sponsors are Jacob Johnson and Lydia Goblirsch.

Hayes Michael Knapp, son Dr. John & Julia Knapp, born in Milwaukee, WI on December 1, 2025, was baptized into our church family by the sacrament of Infant Baptism on October 25, 2026, by Pastor Knapp. Hayes is the grandson of Rev. Dr. Matthew & Kim Knapp and Gary & Carol Stefanski. His sponsors are Michael and Heidi Stefanski.

Congratulations: Our congratulations and best wishes to **Savanna Townsend and Ryan Heck** who were united in marriage at Bayview Lutheran Church on October 3, 2026. Pastor Knapp officiated.

Our loving sympathy and support to the family and friends of Michael Durovka who passed away on October 9, 2026. Michael's memorial service was held at Bayside Cemetery Chapel with Pastor Knapp officiating.



Veteran's Sunday, November 8

On Veteran's Sunday we pause to honor the veterans of our congregation. If your information hasn't been listed in past bulletins, or if your information has changed since last year, and you wish to be included in this list, please contact the church office by November 3 at bongle@sbmoravian.org.

We need the name and branch of service you belong to.

HARVEST DINNER FUNDRAISER

Saturday, November 7th, 2026
Dinner at 5:30pm

Dinner Is Served Buffet Style

Roast Pork Loin	Applesauce
Baby Reds	Bread
Corn	Squash
Apple Pie or Pumpkin Pie	
Milk / Coffee / Water	

Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle Community-wide Fundraiser

Adults ~ \$18
Children Ages 5 to 12 ~ \$9
Ages 4 and Under Are Free
Veterans Eat Free

Tickets Are Available At The
Church Office
(920) 743 - 4705

Fundraiser To Benefit
The Interfaith Coalition for Housing of
Sturgeon Bay

Bay View Lutheran Church
340 West Maple Street Sturgeon Bay



Lutheran Church
in partnership with
Holy Name of Mary
of Maplewood



ECUMENICAL Thanksgiving WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 22, 2026
5:00 p.m.

Tanum Forest Lutheran Church
6102 County Road OO

Join us in the season of
Thankfulness

Songs of Thanks

performed by
**Community Choir
of Door County**
at
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
1756 Michigan Street

Sunday, Nov. 22nd
2:00 pm

Freewill offering to benefit:
**Door County Feed
and Clothe My People**





OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Operation Christmas Child – Everyone in our congregation is invited to once again participate in Samaritans Purse, Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project. Last year our church sent 73 shoeboxes filled with practical and fun supplies for children overseas (along with the 3,051 shoeboxes from all around Door County). This ministry demonstrates God's love in a tangible way to needy children around the world and shares the good news of Jesus Christ through Bible lessons for children taught in their local churches.

Feel free to pick up a shoebox and brochure/label beginning November 1. The boxes will be available in the narthex on Sunday, or outside the Fellowship Room. If you call to let us know you will be picking one up, we will make sure there is one in the drop box outside the office for you. The instructions will be included. Return your box to the church office no later than Sunday, November 15. If shopping isn't your favorite thing, feel free to make a monetary donation towards this project by contacting the church office, and our helpers will fill a shoebox on your behalf! Another option is to "Build a Shoebox Online" via this link: <https://sampur.se/47zQ0G9>, or with the attached QR code, where you can pick your items online or donate \$25 and OCC will fill and send a box for you. Thank you! Call or text Alicia Burris at 920-495-2759 with any questions.



POINSETTIA'S FOR CHRISTMAS

If you would like to place a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas in memory of or in honor of a special person, please complete the form below and return it with your payment of to the church office. You can also go to our website under 'Online Forms' and fill out an order form there with payment.

Link: <https://sbmc.breezechms.com/give/online>. ***At the time of publication of the newsletter, the price was still undetermined. Please watch for updates in the bulletin on Sundays.***

The plant is yours and we invite you to take it home after the 7:00 service on December 24 or after worship on December 27.

Orders must be received, with payment, no later than December 7.

Purchaser's Name: _____ Phone: _____ Quantity: _____

Plants are acknowledged in our Christmas Eve Bulletin in this fashion:

_____ "Given in Loving Memory of" - -OR- -

"In honor of"



Name/
names _____

Person or family giving the plant: _____



Volunteers Needed

Be a Bell Ringer for the Salvation Army this Holiday Season!



Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons will be upon us soon! With them comes the sound of The Salvation Army ringing bell! Let's help our neighbors in need by volunteering to ring! Door County families needing emergency assistance and shoes for children returning to school benefit from the proceeds from local bell-ringing, and your help is needed! Volunteer to ring at one of many locations in Door County. It's fun and rewarding! Ringing starts Friday, November 20 and runs through Saturday, December 24. Early ringers are especially needed. Sign up to ring by contacting Nancy Kexel-Calabresa by text or call at 920-883-7886 or email nakel@icloud.com for questions and to sign up.



UNITY PRAYER WATCH - December 6, 2026

Shortly after the August 13, 1727 communion, the Moravians established an "Hourly Intercession," believing continual prayer was an absolute essential for the Church to grow and thrive under the leading of God's spirit. That daily "Prayer Watch" continued unbroken for one hundred years, with Moravians in prayer every day, 365 days of the year. During the 1957 celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Moravian Church, the Prayer Watch was re-established; inviting congregations around the world to each take responsibility for a day of prayer. **Our assigned day of prayer is December 6.** We are sharing this day with other Moravian congregations. There will be a signup sheet in the Coffee Hus on Sundays. A copy of the Unity Prayer Watch Topics will be emailed to you. Our prayer times are 2:00 am to 11:30 am and 2:00 pm to 11:30 pm, every half hour. If you wish to take a time, or two, please respond by email or call the church office and we will add you to the list. Thank you for your participation in keeping the Moravian Unity Prayer Watch alive with intercessions and conversations with God.

Holiday Preparations

Advent Lunch & Workshop: December 6 - 11:30 am - 1:30 pm. Trim Christmas Eve candles. (Free will offering.)

Children's Christmas Program: December 13 - 4:30 pm

Christmas Caroling: December 16 - 6:00 pm

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLE SERVERS: If you would like to serve candles please contact the church office by **December 6**. Please provide the names of all participants and which worship service you would like to serve at. We really need your help so we have enough servers! **Services are at 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm.** We will also need candle captains for each service. Email or call the church office, bongle@sbmoravian.org or 920-743-6218 with your information. There will also be inserts in the bulletins. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed:

Christmas Eve Ushers - Please call the office if you are interested in ushering on Christmas Eve.

- Reminder -

Save your Tadych's Marketplace receipts!

Don't forget to save your receipts and return them to the church when you are able to. We receive 1% of the total dollar value submitted to benefit youth activities. This year we received \$852!

Thank you.

Prince of Peace presents "Surely It Is God Who Saves Me"

A Festival of Hymns – Old & New, **November 1** at 3:00 pm. Doors open at 2:15 with a pre-event program featuring the Door County Bell Choir. This is a free event.

♡ always give thanks ♡

Church Office Hours - Monday thru Wednesday 8:00 am to 2:00 pm